

O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – October 2020



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Please take a moment to discuss the following safety tips from [SafeKids.org](https://www.safekids.org) with your children:

- **Cross the street at corners**, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- **Put electronic devices down**, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children **to make eye contact with drivers** before crossing in front of them.
- **Always walk on sidewalks** or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to **never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars**.
- Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them **to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups**.

Trick-or-Treat hours for the City of O'Fallon are from **6 – 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020.**

Please consider participating in lower risk Halloween activities during this year's celebration. Information on lower risk Halloween activities can be located on the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

We would like to remind everyone of the **"Porch Light Code"**.

- If you are welcoming trick-or-treaters to knock on your door, leave your porch light, or driveway light on.
- If you do not wish to have trick-or-treaters approach your home and door, please leave your porch light, or driveway light off on Halloween.

Trick-or-treaters should only approach **well-lit homes** and residences. Please pass by any locations that do not have their lights on.

To help mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19 during Halloween, anyone handing out candy should adhere to the following **CDC guidelines**:

- Participate in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags or candies are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard).
- If you are preparing goodie bags, **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags
- Attempt to host small groups in an outdoor, open-air setting

For more information, please see the official press release from O'Fallon City Hall at

<https://www.ofallon.org/home/news/halloween-in-o%2%80%99fallon-%E2%80%93-october-31-2020>



We recently signed an agreement with Axon to purchase body cameras for the O'Fallon Police Department. We expect to take delivery and complete training on the cameras by the end of October.

Each officer in uniform will be wearing a body camera that will record anytime that officer is engaged in a law enforcement related activity. We are excited to have this type of technology available to us as it will be another tool used to boost data and record collection and strengthen the community law enforcement relationship.

We have always tried hard to be transparent with our operations and this adds another level to that transparency.

Due to concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be able to host our annual **Night to Unite** event this year. Now more than ever, we would have liked to celebrate an evening of unity with the residents we serve, but a large gathering of this type isn't possible right now. We look forward to resuming this fun, annual event on the first Tuesday in October in 2021!

We would still like to recognize the several local businesses that have made this 100% FREE event possible for the last several years. THANK YOU!



DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK

DON'T BE THE
DEALER



OPD will participate in the DEA's National Prescription Drug take back event on **Saturday, October 24**. We will take your unused or unwanted medications for safe disposal from **10 AM – 2 PM**. This will take place at the Public Safety Facility (285 N. Seven Hills Rd.)

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, **9.9 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs**. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

Safely disposing of medications:

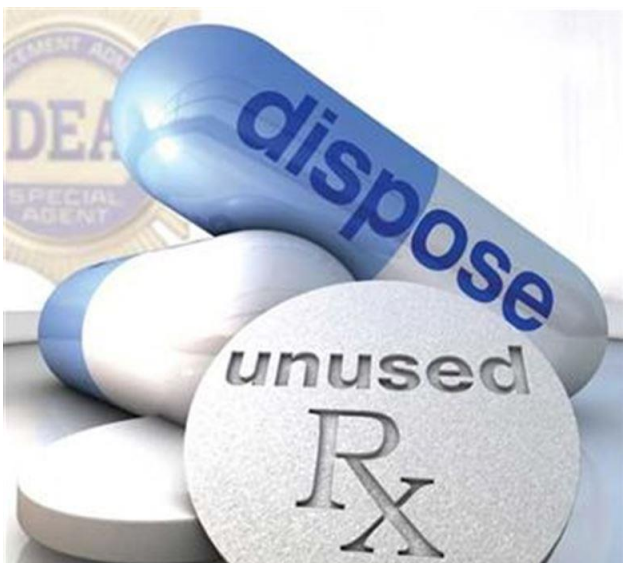
- Keeps the medication out of our water supply
- Keeps addictive and dangerous medicine from falling into the wrong hands

***We cannot take any needles, inhalers or liquids**

2019 National Take Back Day Results

- Law Enforcement Participation: **4,896**
- Total Collection Sites: **6,174**
- Total Weight Collected: **882,919 lbs. (441.5 Tons)**

For more information about the nationwide event, visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>



In addition to the national event listed above, OPD will also host our normal monthly Rx disposal event on **Saturday, October 3** from **11 AM to 1 PM** (Please note the shorter hours than the national event).

This monthly event takes place at the O'Fallon Public Safety Facility (285 N. Seven Hills Rd.) on the first Saturday of each month.

Virtual Hybrid CPR Training Offered by O'Fallon EMS

To maintain the health and wellness of our community, [O'Fallon-Shiloh Emergency Medical Services](#) is now offering **Virtual Hybrid CPR Training Classes**. The training is divided into two parts: *online instruction* and *in-person skills assessment*. During the online instruction, students learn how to recognize and treat life-threatening emergencies, including cardiac arrest and choking for adult, child, and infant victims. Students also learn to recognize the warning signs of heart attack and stroke in adults, breathing difficulties in children, and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Once the online portion of the class is complete, students attend a Skills Instruction Course and receive their completion card.



Intended Audience

All lay rescuers, such as employees in the workplace, daycare employees, babysitters, firefighters, police, airline personnel, security guards, family members of patients at high risk for sudden cardiac death, other lay rescuers, those who may have a need to respond to an emergency, and anyone needing a CPR course for employment purposes. **This course is not intended for Healthcare Providers.**

How to Register for Online CPR

Once participants select and pay for one of the available skills instruction dates, they will receive an email including their online ATEM link. This email is typically received 2 weeks before the Skills Instruction Course. When students complete the online portion of the training, they must either print or bring a digital copy of their "*Online Certificate of Completion*" to the skills instruction course.

Follow this link to register: <https://www.ofallon.org/emergency-medical-services/pages/cpr-course-information>

Cost, Dates, and Location

O'Fallon Emergency Medical Services holds an ATEM CPR Skills Instruction Course on the first Thursday of each month (unless otherwise noted) from 6PM-8PM at Station #4, 1215 Taylor Road. The charge for the class is \$25.00 for residents and \$40.00 for non-residents per participant. Please note that class size is limited, and class times may be subject to change.

Health and Safety Requirements

Students are to bring and wear face coverings during the Skills Instruction Course. Latex-free gloves will be made available to all participants when performing the hands-on practice. To maintain social distancing, only one student will be allowed in the training room at a time. Students will have their temperature checked and must complete a brief health screening before participating in the training.

WARNERS' WARM-UP

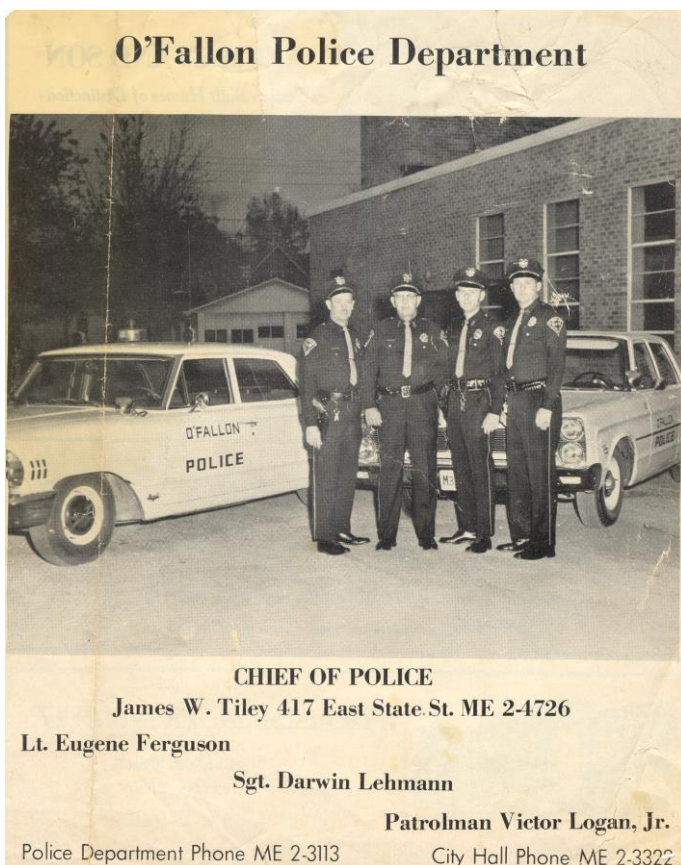
Teaming up to keep the
Bi-State warm since 2001

October 25 - November 7

For the past several years we have partnered with the [Kurt Warner First Things First Foundation](https://www.kurtwarner.org/) and [Operation Food Search](https://www.operationfoodsearch.org/) for their annual **Warners' Warm-up Coat Drive** by serving as a collection point for **new and gently-used winter coats of all sizes**. The drop off location is at the O'Fallon Police Department (285 North Seven Hills Road).

The 20th annual drive will take place from **October 25- November 7th** and we are proud to once again take part. We encourage everyone to donate and help us spread the word by telling your family, friends and neighbors.

For more information, visit: <https://www.kurtwarner.org/> and <https://www.operationfoodsearch.org/>



OPD History

This photo is from the O'Fallon Police Department's 1964 calendar. The photo was taken on the west side of Firehouse #1 on East Washington Street. Pictured left to right are Lt. Eugene Ferguson, Chief James Tiley, Ptl. Victor Logan and Sgt. Darwin Lehman.

Chief Tiley listed his home address and phone number on the calendar.